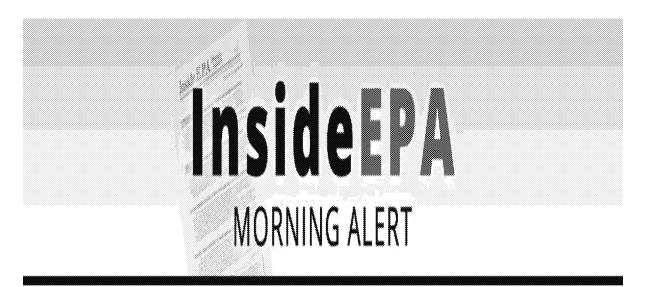
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#### Latest News

#### EPA Cites Chemours' PFAS Plants Under TSCA, In Possible Enforcement Push

EPA has cited chemical company Chemours for violating the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) at two of its plants that manufacture per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS), a sign that environmentalists say may indicate stepped-up EPA enforcement over the issue though they say it also raises concerns about the accuracy of EPA's PFAS data.

# Industry Urges Quick PRIA Renewal After EPA's Pesticide Fee Power Lapses

Chemical industry officials are urging Congress to quickly approve legislation renewing EPA's authority to collect industry fees to support quick pesticide registration reviews, with the agency poised to imminently lose its power because lawmakers did not renew it as part of the broad funding deal to avert another government shutdown.

#### Local California Officials Bolster Vehicle GHG Case With Air Quality Claims

Local air regulators in Southern California are claiming that the Trump EPA's cursory analysis of the conventional emission co-benefits of Obama-era vehicle greenhouse gas standards is "illogical on its own terms," amplifying legal arguments by states and environmentalists that the agency's decision to weaken the standards was unlawful.

#### Plaintiffs Weigh Appeal After Court Rejects EPA Science Advisor Policy Suit

Environmentalists and other plaintiffs are considering asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review the Trump EPA's policy barring any recipient of an EPA grant from serving on one of its many scientific advisory committees after a federal district court dismissed their suit.

# EPA, Sierra Club Defend Right To Seek Injunctive Relief For NSR Violations

EPA and the Sierra Club are defending the agency's right to ask courts for injunctive relief that forces facilities to impose air pollution controls for years-old violations of Clean Air Act new source review (NSR) permit mandates, as they fight a utility sector push to rehear a ruling that broadly upheld EPA's power to seek such relief.

# **Environmentalists Hint At Lawsuits Over Delayed Ozone NAAQS Findings**

Environmentalists are suggesting they will sue EPA if the if the agency finalizes as proposed its plan to delay deciding which parts of the country have attained the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS), calling the postponement both "illegal" and "inexcusable."

# Daily Feed

#### New York threatens to sue EPA over interstate ozone air petition

The state is threatening EPA with a lawsuit to force a response to its Clean Air Act petition asking the agency to regulate air pollution sources in nine upwind states.

#### Trump to sign EPA FY19 funding, declare border wall 'emergency'

Some Republicans fear the president's border wall emergency declaration could give a future Democratic president a roadmap to pursue policies on hotly contested issues, including climate change.

# After McConnell plans 'Green' deal vote, Schumer says 'bring it on'

"Trust me, we'll be fine because the American people know that our entire party actually believes that climate change is happening and caused by humans," the Democratic Leader said.

#### EPA leaves leather products air toxics rule unchanged

The agency cites a lack of remaining health risks from the leather finishing operations sector as the reason for making no changes to its air toxics rules for the industry.

#### Ewire: EPA unveils PFAS 'action plan' with eye on potential rules

In today's Ewire: EPA says its 'action plan' is a broad effort to address contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances but critics say it falls short of regulatory steps necessary to protect public health.

# Oil, biofuels groups add to lengthy list of RFS 2019 challengers

More organizations representing various industries are suing EPA over its 2019 renewable fuel standard, with the rule's compliance waivers for small refiners likely to feature as a key issue.

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